THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) Due to budgetary constraints, for the time being, there is no proposal to open any new Kendriya Vidyalaya in the country. KVS is asking for more financial assistance for 10th Plan period.

Objectives of Indira Mahila Yojana

679. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indira Mahila Yojana is under implementation since 1995;

(b) if so, the basic objectives of the scheme;

(c) whether any target has been fixed;

(d) the Ninth Plan outlay for IMY; and

(e) how much of the amount has been utilized during the last four years, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Indira Mahila Yojana is under implementation since August, 1995. However, it has been recast as Sawayamsidha since February, 2001.

(b) Indira Mahila Yojana (IMY), a scheme for the holistic empowerment of women, had the following stated objectives:—

(i) To ensure convergence of sectoral services at the local, block and district levels, through active involvement of women and sectoral departments.

(ii) To optimize the utilization of scarce resources in speeding up the process of mainstreaming women in development.

(iii) To create awareness in women through provision of information on different developmental programmes and issues of specific concern to women, as also on equality of social status, legal rights (like those to property and inheritance), constitutional safeguards etc.

(iv) To initiate a process of awareness generation/education to enable them to understand and analyse their problems and find solutions through

their collective interaction to match the individual programme benefits to their needs.

(v) To help women become self-reliant and independent by their economic empowerment through income generation activities and active participation in decision making at various stages.

The stated objectives of Swayamsidha are as below:

With the long-term objective being the all-round empowerment of women, especially socially and economically, by ensuring their direct access to, and control over, resources through a sustained process of mobilization and convergence of all the on-going sectoral programmes, the immediate objective are as below:

(i) Establishment of self-reliant women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs);

(ii) Creation of confidence and awareness among members of SHGs regarding women's status, health, nutrition, education, sanitation and hygiene, legal rights, economic upliftment and other social, economic and political issues;

(iii) Strengthening and institutionalizing the savings habit in rural women and their control over economic resources;

(iv) Improving access of women to micro credit;

(v) Involvement of women in local level planning; and

(vi) Convergence of services of Department of Women and Child Development and other Departments.

(c) Under IMY, no specific target for formation of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) was fixed. However, it was envisaged to implement IMY in 200 blocks, with the formation of 200 Block Societies (Indira Mahila Block Societies). In actuality, IMY was implemented in 238 blocks.

However, a target of forming 53,100 SHGs has been fixed in Swayamsidha. It is envisaged to implement Swayamsidha in 650 blocks, including the 238 erstwhile IMY Blocks, with the formation of 650 Blocks societies (inclusive of those formed under IMY).

(d) The IXth Plan outlays for IMY was Rs. 165 crore.

(e) 1997-98: Nil; 1998-99 Nil: 1999-2000: Nil; 2000-2001: Rs. 2.102 crore (Under Swayamsidha, *i.e.* recast IMY).

Activities and functions of NCW

680. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the activities and functions of the National Commission for Women;

(b) the steps taken by Government to stop atrocities on women and children across the country;

(c) the number of cases reported and handled by the Commission, during the past three years, State-wise; and

(d) the outcome of those cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) The National Commission for Women is carrying out its activities as per its functions laid down in Section 10 of the National Commission for Women Act, 1990.

(b) Government is taking several measures for preventing violence against women through effective implementation of legal provisions relating to women, including review of existing legislations, interaction with the State Govenments and monitoring of implementation of these provisions.

(c) and (d) The Commission has received 15,191 complaints during the years 1998, 1999 and 2000. State-wise list of complaints received is enclosed. (*See* below) Out of 15,191 complaints received, action was initiated by NCW on 11133 complaints. 2523 complaints were referred to the State Women Commissions and no action was considered necessary in respect of 1535 complaints. For some exemplary cases, the Commission constituted Inquiry Committees, which made spot enquiries, examined witnesses and submitted report to the Commission with recommendations. NCW is monitoring the implementation of such reports by the concerned authorities.